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[Despatch Abstract.]

DRUGS RULES 1945 : AMENDMENT OF SUB-RULE 2 OF RULE 105 : VIEWS OF THIS GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. F-1-9/48.D.
Government of India,
Ministry of Health.

New Delhi, the 13th July 1948.

From

J.N. Saksena, Esquire, B.A.,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department, MADRAS.

Sub: DRUGS RULES 1945 - Amendment of sub-rule 2 of Rule 108.

Sir,

I am directed to invite the attention of the Provincial Government to sub-rule 2 of rule 108 of the Drugs Rules 1945 which provides that when any substance specified in Schedule C is issued in liquid form in containers which are sealed in such a manner that portions of the contents can be withdrawn for use on different occasions the liquid shall contain a sufficient proportion of some antiseptic to prevent the growth of organism which may be accidentally introduced in theprocess of removing a portion of the contents of the container. It has been represented by Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Calcutta, that "Penicillin" oily injection manufactured by their principals Messrs. Imeprial Chemical (Pharmaceuticals) Ltd., Manchester is packed in rubber capped vials of 10 c.c. so that a portion could be withdrawn for use on different occasions. But the ubstance does not normally include an antispectic as there is no accepted antiseptic which is active in oily solution. The authorities in Great Britian have already agreed that the addition of antiseptic to penicillin oily injection is not necessary. The Director, Central Research Institute, Kasauli who was consulsted in the matter, considers that Penicillin oil Wax suspensions should be exempted from the application of rule 108 (2). It is therefore considered that the following proviso should be added to sub-rule 2 of Rule 108:

"Provided that this sub-rule shall not apply in the case of Penicillin suspensions in oil and wax."

2. I am to enquire whether the Provincial Government agree to the Drugs Technical Advisory Board being consulted in the matter, in so far as the Provincial Rules are concerned. If the Provincial Government agree the Central Government will consult the Board on behalf of itself and the Provincial Government and communicate the views of the Board to the Provincial Government. Further action for the amendment of the Central and Provincial Rules can be taken thereafter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/
Assistant Secretary.

Endorsement No.53468-G1/48-1 P.H. dated the 20th July 1948.

Referred to the Surgeon-General for very early remarks.

Sd/
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department.

Letter (Ms) No. 2713 P.H.

Fort St. George,
the 10th August 1948.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Health,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: DRUGS RULES 1945 - Amendment of sub-rule 2 of rule 108.

With reference to the Government of India's letter No.F-19/48-D dated the 13th July 1948, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to state that the Government of Madras agree to the Drugs Technical Advisory Board being consulsted on behalf of this Government on the proposed draft amendment to sub-rule 2 of rule 108 of the Drugs Rules.

2. This Government await the views of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

/True copy/

Superintendent,
Madras Records Office, Egmore.

Sk.